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1. DRAWING ON DISCUSSION BELOW DELEGATION SHOULD ATTEMPT
TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH
IFAD DELAYED UNTIL AFTER AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY'S ARRIVAL
APRIL 25.

2. IFAD IS A MAJOR NEW FINANCING MECHANISM DESIGNED TO
GIVE INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP TO EFFORTS TO INCREASE AGRI-
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POOREST SEGMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. IT IS THE FIRST
JOINT FUNDING BY TRADITIONAL AND NEW DONORS AND THE FIRST
ATTEMPT TO GIVE TRADITIONAL AND NEW DONORS AND RECIPIENTS
AN EQUAL VOICE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION.

3. THE PROPOSED DRAFT AGREEMENT IS NOT THE WORK OF AN
ALREADY ESTABLISHED BUREAUCRACY. RATHER, IT IS THE

STUDIED END PRODUCT OF NINETY GOVERNMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

TO BRING THIS NEW CONCEPT INTO REALITY. NINETY
PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVES WORKED TOGETHER TO AGREE
ON THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT IN ROME IN JUNE 1976. OVER
60 COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED IN THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION
MEETINGS IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST GOVERNING COUNCIL,

WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FALL. THE PROPOSED
DRAFT RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IS
ONE OF THE PREPCOM'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE GOVERNMENTS
AT THE PREPCOM BELIEVED THE TEXT BALANCED THE OBJECTIVES
AND REQUIREMENTS LAID OUT IN IFAD'S ARTICLES OF AGREE-
MENT AND THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECIALIZED
AGENCY MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

4. A NUMBER OF COMPROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE, FIRST IN THE
ARTICLES, AND THEN IN THE DRAFT RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT.
TO AMPLIFY THE DRAFT AGREEMENT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
PREPARATORY COMMISSION ALSO DECIDED TO SUBMIT AN EX-
PLANATORY NOTE WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN INTEGRAL
PART OF THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED. AT THE PREPCOM
MEETING JUST FINISHED, WHILE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WAS
GIVEN TO WHAT OUGHT TO BE PUT INTO THE EXPLANATORY NOTE,
NO THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO ACTUALLY REWRITING THE PROPOSED
DRAFT AGREEMENT.

5. GIVEN THE CLOSE ATTENTION BY 24 DELEGATIONS REPRE-
SENTED FROM CAPITALS AND 48 BY REPRESENTATIVES STATIONED
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IN ROME WE ARE SURPRISED BY THE DIRECTION THAT THE IN-
FORMAL ECOSOC DISCUSSIONS ARE TAKING. TO SAVE THIS
COMMITTEE FROM HAVING TO RETRACE ALL OF THE STEPS ALREADY
TAKEN BY IFAD OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS WE THINK IT
PRUDENT THAT FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BE DEFERRED
UNTIL AFTER AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY'S ARRIVAL SO THAT HE
CAN PROVIDE THE EXPLANATIONS DESIRED.
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